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Applicant : Masafumi Hizukuri et al.
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 9, 2006 (Paper No. 010405). The three-month period for responding to the Office action expires on April 9, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended abstract is attached following page 16 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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